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To: I/DD community members, Tribal partners and ODDS staff

From: Anna S. Lansky, Interim Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

Subject: Oregon Health Plan coverage and I/DD services for all ages, regardless of immigration status, starts July 1

I am thrilled to announce that Oregon Health Plan (OHP) benefits and services for people with disabilities are expanding beginning July 1, 2023.

Thanks to Healthier Oregon, more people will have access to OHP as well as services through the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS).

Healthier Oregon offers free health coverage through the Oregon Health Plan for people who live in Oregon and meet income and other criteria.

These services include:

- Medical, dental and mental health care
- Prescriptions and tests

- X-rays and hospital care
- Rides to and from health care appointments

Healthier Oregon will also ensure all people who meet intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) eligibility can get services and supports through ODDS, regardless of their immigration status. These services include:

- Employment services
- Assistive technology
- Help with normal activities of daily living, like bathing, dressing, walking or eating

Access services

To access services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, please [contact your county developmental disabilities program](#).

You can get more information about Healthier Oregon and apply for Oregon Health Plan at Oregon.gov/healthieroregon.

About Healthier Oregon

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed a bill to create the Healthier Oregon program ([House Bill 3352](#)). The state launched the Healthier Oregon program on July 1, 2022. The first year, benefits were available only to adults ages 19-25 and 55 and older. People outside of those ages were only eligible for emergency coverage.

As of July 1, 2023, full OHP benefits will open to people of any age or immigration status.

We are grateful to everyone who took part in the extraordinary efforts that got us here. Thanks to your tireless work and dedication, more people will have life-saving health coverage and access to ODDS services.

Please join us in celebrating this momentous milestone that brings us closer to health equity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna S. Lansky".

Anna S. Lansky
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